

CITY COUNCIL

Nominations and Appointments Committee

**Monday, June 4, 2012
3:30 pm
City Council Office**

The Nominations and Appointments Committee will meet as needed to address nominations and appointments to the City's boards, authorities and commissions.

Committee Members: Stratton Marmarou (Chair), Donna Reed (Vice-Chair) and Randy Corcoran

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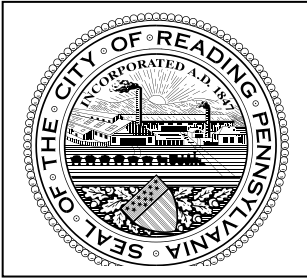
I. Interviews

- 3:30 – William Miller** – reappointment – Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals
- 3:45 – Sean Moretti** – appointment – Main Street Board
- 4:00 – Erin Weller** – appointment – Historical Architectural Review Board

II. Appointment Recommendations

III. Review Pending Applications Memo/BAC Openings/Board, Authority, Commission membership

IV. Main Street Board Membership



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**Monday, May 7, 2012
Meeting Report**

Attendance: S. Marmarou, D. Reed

Others Attending: S. Katzenmoyer

The meeting was called to order at 3:37 pm by Mr. Marmarou.

I. Interviews

Peter Hart (appointment – Historical Architectural Review Board)

Ms. Reed noted that Mr. Hart recently appeared before Council. Mr. Hart stated that it was for a window appeal.

Mr. Marmarou questioned why Mr. Hart was interested in serving. Mr. Hart expressed the belief that there is a disconnect between the HARB members and the residents of the historic districts. He stated that he has regular contact with contractors who say that they will not work in the City's historic districts because the permitting is too difficult. He stated that he does not agree with the contractors but that the process is very time consuming. He stated that HARB is willing to work with owners who appear before them and he noted his understanding of the need for historical integrity. He believes that historical integrity can be accomplished with new materials and flexibility of board members.

Mr. Marmarou noted the need of HARB to follow the guidelines of the Secretary of the Interior. He noted that these guidelines would need to be changed to allow newer materials. Mr. Hart agreed but noted that there is flexibility within the guidelines. He

noted the need for HARB members to be familiar with new products. He stated that his skills would be helpful to HARB as he has that familiarity with new products and contractors.

Mr. Marmarou questioned if realtors inform buyers of historical regulations during the sale. Mr. Hart stated that his realtor did inform him of the historic regulations and warned him that making improvements would be difficult.

Ms. Reed noted the need of property owners to comply with the regulations to maintain the integrity of the historic district.

There was a discussion on the availability of new products which have the same look as historic products.

Ms. Reed noted the need to work toward revisions to the guidelines for more leniency.

The Nominations and Appointments Committee recommends the appointment of Peter Hart to the Historical Architectural Review Board.

Sean Moretti (appointment – Main Street Board)

Mr. Moretti did not appear for his interview.

II. Filling of Vacancy on Water Authority

Mr. Marmarou stated that he has spoken with Dr. Brogan who is interested in rejoining the Water Authority at this time. Ms. Reed agrees that Dr. Brogan would be a good choice as he was a good, independent voice in the past.

Ms. Katzenmoyer explained that he is currently in the background check phase but that she expects that he will not have any issues. She questioned the need for an interview. Ms. Reed stated that an interview should be scheduled to follow the process. She requested this interview be scheduled in June.

The Nominations and Appointments Committee adjourned at 4:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Shelly Katzenmoyer, Deputy City Clerk

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Nominations and Appointments Committee
FROM: Shelly Katzenmoyer, Deputy City Clerk
DATE: June 4, 2012
SUBJECT: Pending Applications

The following persons have applications for Boards, Authorities, and Commissions pending:

Charter Board - *2 openings*

- **John Slifko** - reappointment - awaiting Mayoral approval

Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals - *3 openings + 1 alternate opening*

- **William Miller Jr** - reappointment - has Mayoral approval

Main Street Board - *3 openings*

- **Sean Moretti** - appointment - has Mayoral approval

Water Authority - *1 opening*

- **Thomas Brogan** - reappointment

Historical Architectural Review Committee - *3 openings*

- **Erin Weller** - appointment

BOARDS, AUTHORITIES & COMMISSIONS

OPEN SEATS

JUNE 4, 2012

Board, Authority & Commission	Mayor appointment w/ Council approval	Mayor appointment	Council appointment
BOARDS			
Electrician's Examining Board			
			Board Full
Plumbing Board of Examiners	Board Full		
Reading HVAC Board			3 openings
Zoning Hearing Board			Board Full
Police Civil Service Board			1 opening
Fire Civil Service Board			Board Full
Board of Historical Architectural Review			3 openings – must reside in historic district
			1 trades/building opening
			1 application pending
Board of Trustees of the			City positions filled

Reading Public Library			
			3 County openings
Board of Health			3 openings
			2 alternate openings
Board of Ethics			
	Board Full		
Building/Fire Code Board of Appeals			
	2 openings		
	1 alternate opening		
	1 application pending		
Animal Control Board			
	Board Full		
Charter Board			
	2 openings		
	1 application pending		
Housing Board Of Appeals			
	3 alternate openings		
Property Maintenance Appeals			6 openings
			Bldg/Trades Experience Required
Minority Bus. Board	7 openings		
Police Diversity Board			
		1 alternate opening	
City-wide Diversity Board			
			2 openings

Solid Waste & Recycling Appeals Board			3 citizen openings
Citizens Advisory Board	6 citizen openings		
Main St Board	3 openings		
	1 application pending		
Business License Appeals Board			
	3 citizen openings		
AUTHORITIES			
Reading Area Water Authority			
			1 opening
			1 application pending
Berks County Reading Area Transportation Authority			
	All appointments made		
	by the County Commissioners		
Reading Redevelopment Authority			
	Board Full		
Reading Housing Authority			
			2 openings
Reading Parking Authority			
		Board full	
Reading Regional Airport Authority			
	All appointments made		
	by the County Commissioners		

Convention Center Authority			
			City positions filled
			2 County openings
Downtown Improvement District Authority			
	Board Full		
COMMISSIONS			
Planning Commission			
	Board Full		
Reading Shade Tree Commission			
	2 openings		
Stadium Commission			
	Board Full		
Reading Human Relations Commission			
	3 openings		
Legislative Aide Committee			3 City openings
Public Safety Advisory			
		Board full	
Blighted Property Review			
	Board Full		
Environmental Advisory Council			3 openings

Recreation Commission	City seats filled		
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Main St Board

Ordinance 95-2010 - November 22, 2010

9 Member Board

Mayor/Council	9 members		3 year term
	<u>Date Appointed</u>	<u>Date Reappointed</u>	<u>Term Expiration</u>
Ellen Horan	12/13/2010		12/13/2013
Charles Broad	12/13/2010		12/13/2013
Zane Collings	1/10/2011		12/31/2012
Brian Fichtorn	1/10/2011		12/31/2012
Rene Placido	1/10/2011		12/31/2012
Michael Leifer - Resigned	2/14/2011		12/31/2013